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REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 24, 2005.

First, Applicant and the undersigned wish to thank the Examiner for his clarification of the restriction requirement in the Office Action. The Examiner's comments were very helpful and very much appreciated.

Therefore, in response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects:

- (i) Figs. 3 from the group of Figs. 3 and 4;
- (ii) Fig. 9 from the group of Figs. 8, 9 and 10; and
- (iii) Fig. 12 from the group of Figs. 12, 13 and 14.

Accordingly, claim 22 is being withdrawn from consideration.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 and 23-39 are generic to the embodiments illustrated in Figs. 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14. That is, it is respectfully submitted that the only claims specific to a select subset of figures are:

- (i) claims 19 and 20 are specific to Figs. 9 and 10, but not Fig. 8;
- (ii) claim 21 is specific to Figs. 12 and 13, but not Fig. 14; and
- (iii) claim 22 is specific to Figs. 14, but not Figs. 12 or 13.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-18 and 23-39 are in condition for examination, and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

However, if any questions remain, or it is deemed that the foregoing does not fully comply with the requirements set forth in the Office Action, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that any issues can be resolved prior to the issuance of a subsequent office action.

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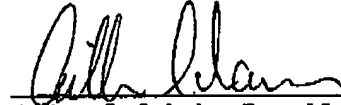
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Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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